THEY'RE NOT TELLING YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT

THE SPIES FROM

YOU'RE FLYING a commercial airliner on a quiet night. Speed 275 miles an hour, altitude 11,000 feet, approaching a major airport. Suddenly a strange winking blue light zooms into view off your right wing tip, pacing your plane.

In accordance with instructions, your radio crackles out the warning. Miles away the radar scope at the airport records the object. Control tower observers quickly pick it up with their night glasses. Jet fighters scramble and go roaring away to meet you.

The strange thing that started it all merely flips around in an unbelievable reversal and accelerates at a speed far beyond any conventional aircraft. A few seconds and it has vanished as quickly and quietly as it came. Another Unidentified Flying Object sighting is added to the official records . . . and buried there.

What was it?
Where did it go?

Author of this startling article is Frank Edwards, the noted radio news commentator. A veteran newsman, his interest in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) was aroused when he sensed that the Air Force was holding back reports on how many of them are being sighted daily across the U.S. He did some digging; this story tells what he has found out about the UFO mystery.

Where did it come from?
Why was it here in the first place?

Watch on the Rhine

You have a right to ask those questions and you have a right to know the answers to them.

You're not getting them from the Pentagon.

I regret to say that because of the blanket of official silence, you will have to dig out the facts for yourself.

Since I have been doing that very thing for several years—and reporting the results over my radio network program—maybe I can help you.

In the first place, make no mistake about the reality of the censorship and make no mistake about the fact that many governments, including our own, are seriously concerned about the existence of so-called flying saucers.

Twelve countries have programs of study and investigation to deal with these objects. West Germany is the latest to join the list, having recently established what it chooses to call a "Space Flight Study Group," after some unusual incidents had occurred.

My own interest in these objects was sharpened when I detected a large measure of deception and contradiction in the official public statements on them. There was the period a few years ago when it was government policy to humiliate citizens and pilots who reported UFO's by brushing the matter off as hallucinations. It worked for a while until too many astute citizens noticed that not one single pilot, commercial or military, had ever been grounded for one minute

by Frank Edwards

OUTER SPACE

after one of these alleged hallucinations. Obviously, the authorities did not believe their own hokum.

Scratch one "explanation."

Hard-pressed for something with which to replace the hallucination yarn, the authorities eagerly seized upon the theory that these unexplainable sightings were nothing more than temperature inversions, caused by the action of masses of hot air colliding with cooler air. That sounded foolproof and it also had another attractive aspect from the official viewpoint, since it was true that these masses of hot air co-incided with the time of year when the earth was nearest Mars. It was a matter of record that sightings of unidentified flying objects were heaviest at the period when Mars and Earth were nearest to each other. Ah! said the experts, that is summertime . . . the time of hot air and temperature inversions!

True enough . . . but only for the northern hemisphere. At the same time, the southern hemisphere is having its winter and also having its sightings of UFO's! There just wasn't enough hot air to cover the theory.

Scratch "explanation" two.

The Crackpots and the Experts

Undoubtedly many of the reported incidents involving UFO's are the work of publicity seekers, crackpots and of sincere persons who simply fail to recognize conventional aircraft and meteorological balloons. Some of the reports also involve ordinary celestial objects with which the observer was not familiar.

But the really important evidence on which many nations are spending millions of dollars is the mass of reports from qualified and credible observers. This includes commercial and military pilots, ground observers, astronomers and others whose work and training entitle their reports to serious consideration and careful analysis.

And Then There Were Few

Certainly something very strange is taking place in the limitless space above the earth. There are objects of unknown origin which have been seen with the naked eye, tracked by radar, chased by jets and sometimes were even photographed.

In spite of the mantle of official silence which has worked to keep the American people uninformed, the facts are unmistakable.

As a network commentator who has consistently refused to be sidetracked by phony official "explanations" on this and other topics, I have developed a policy of demanding the facts. Early this year I noticed that there was a scarcity of UFO reports on the national news wires which had carried them before.

Why?

First, I checked on the actual volume of reported sightings. If there were none, their absence from the newswires would be understandable. I asked my listeners to send me any reports of UFO's which were important enough to be printed in their local newspapers. Then I asked the Air Force at the Pentagon to give me the number of sightings they were receiving. Check and double check—the public press against the Pentagon. (*Continued on page* 58)

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The Air Force released to the newswires a statement to the effect that sightings this year were down to near nothing . . . a mere 87 reports for the entire first five months of 1954!

The newswires obligingly carried that statement.

I did not.

My reasons for refusing to carry the report of only 87 sightings were well founded. I personally knew of more than a hundred sightings that had been sent to the Air Force in that period, for I was receiving more than a hundred per week from my listeners who had clipped them from their local newspapers. And to top it all off, I had made arrangements with two individuals who had contacted the Deputy Commander of Intelligence at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio, the nerve center of the UFO investigation. There Lt.-Colonel John O'Mara said that sightings were being reported at the rate of more than 700 per week . . . the heaviest rate since that project was started several years ago!

Please note that not one newswire service took the trouble to check the Pentagon story of only 87 sightings. They carried the handout exactly as it was given to them. As far as I know, I was the only nationwide newsman to expose the matter to the public.

Why did I do it?

Simply because I feel that the public has the right to know the facts when unidentified objects appear over major cities, airfields, atomic plants and military centers.

Local newspapers have thus far continued to report on this mystifying aspect of our news. In a two-column front page story on Friday, July 9th, a headline in the Wilmington (Delaware) *Morning News* reported: "100 mystery flying objects spotted here. Air Force permits Ground Observer Corps to release data on phenomena sighted in past two years and confirmed elsewhere."

The Strange Deletion

The article disclosed that ground observers had been watching these things, reported them to the filter center in Baltimore where the Air Force studied the reports.

It is significant that on July 5th of this year, two members of the Ground Observer Corps at Wilmington reported an object which the Air Force officially confirmed as an Unidentified Flying Object! The same official report also contains this tidbit: On June 14th, the Wilmington observers watched an object which was determined to be hovering at an altitude of fifteen miles. Baltimore Filter Center had it on the radar scope for two hours. It was believed to be the same thing which had been mysteriously hovering over the nation's capital two days before!

Whatever it was, it was a gigantic thing that they watched. And the thing that hovered over the city of Washington was not mentioned in any of the Washington news reports.

Once in a while a leak occurs and a UFO report gets into the papers . . . briefly. On May 13th the Washington *Post and Times Herald* carried a story on sighting reported by airport police at the National Airport, just across the river from the capitol. The large glowing objects had maneuvered over the airport between 12:45 and 2 A.M. Military Air Transport confirmed the sighting and an Air Force spokesman recommended that it be referred to as Unidentified Flying Objects.

That report appeared in the early morning edition of the Washington *Post and Times Herald*. It was strangely missing from all other editions of the same paper.

That was on the morning of May 13th.

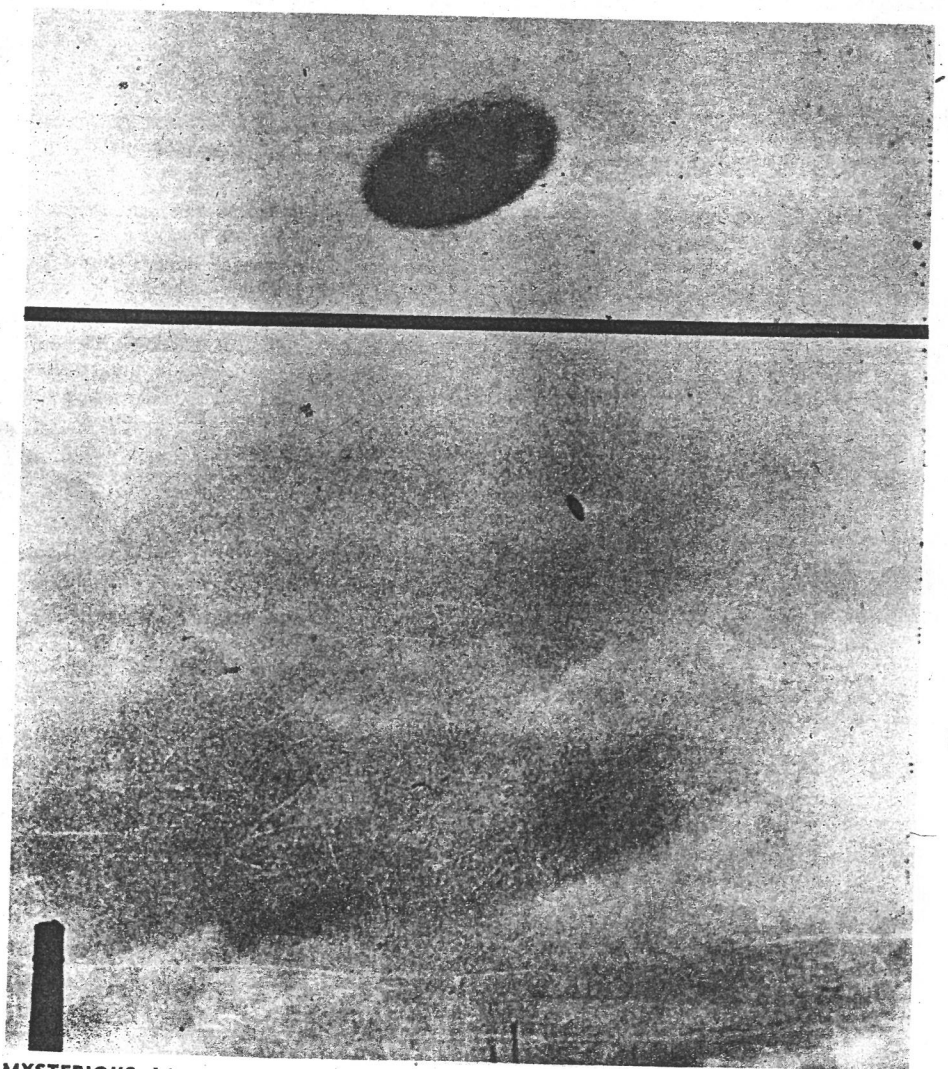
On the same day, shortly before noon, a team of electronics experts were putting the finishing touches on a special type of radar unit. Suddenly they noticed that it had picked up an object at great altitude, something of terrific size. To double-check, they switched on another unit and it too began to track the thing. They were able to determine that it was about 250 feet in diameter, fifteen miles above Washington, hovering or moving from point to point at about 200 mph.

Three hours later, after several government radar points had been alerted and checked the object, it moved away toward the west and finally vanished from the scope.

And there was hardly any mention of this specific incident in the press.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration has released a study of UFO's, titled, "For Limited Distribution—A Preliminary Study of Unidentified Targets Observed on Air Traffic Control Radars." Although it throws in a few reports from other airports, the meat of the study deals with UFO's which have been tracked in and around Washington.

As might be expected, the material is pretty heavy reading since it is loaded with technical data of various sorts. However, the charts which show how the UFO's moved across the radar screens are



MYSTERIOUS object seen over Bad Hersfeld, Germany, was photographed by passerby. Seen from ground, object looks like disc banking. At top, it's enlarged 60 times.

readily understandable. By careful reading of the text it becomes obvious that CAA's explanations do not explain.

By trying to dispose of some of these more important sightings as mere reflections from temperature inversions, the evaluation is forced to do considerable speculation . . . which means that CAA's guess is no better than yours as to what was on the radar.

And by speculating that some of the objects on the scope were due to a delayed-pulse radar effect, the government study finds itself with its foot in its mouth again. The evaluation says that if the object on the radar was actually nothing more than this delayed-pulse effect, then the apparent speed of the target could not exceed the speed of the air itself.

"However, the analysis of the targets listed in Table 5 (sightings of Aug. 13 and 15th, 1952)," the report concedes, "showed that they were actually moving at speeds approximately double the wind velocities reported. This fact eliminated the possibility that the targets were being produced by the second-time-around delayed pulse effect."

All of which means that they had a dandy "explanation" available if it would only fit the facts . . . which it admittedly doesn't do.

In this same study of UFO's by the CAA, there is a listing of 34 recorded sightings in and around the capitol in less than three months of 1952. Since I could find only four of these incidents listed in the newspapers here for that same period, I think we may assume that the other reports were quietly withheld from the press. Many of the sightings were made by airline pilots approaching Washington. On July 7th, 1952, the CAA study says that Captain Bruen of National Airlines was approached by a blue-white light at an altitude of 11,000 feet about 60 miles southwest of Washington. The object, says the government report, "came up to altitude of aircraft, hovered two miles to left. Pilot turned on all lights. Ball of light took off, going up and away."

Why All the Secrecy?

On July 20th of that same year Capital Airline flight 610 was approaching Washington National Airport at three in the morning. The CAA report says that a lighted object which was tracked by two radar stations followed the plane for several miles at a point within four miles of Washington airport.

On July 14th, the same report says, Pan American flight 901 got a look at six red objects at about 1,000 feet altitude, doing an estimated 1,000 mph, with a sudden change of direction.

The chart included in the CAA study lists more than a score of sightings involving one object. Other sightings, both radar and visual, include what it calls "many" UFO's. But the real jackpots were on May 23rd, when fifty of the things showed up, and on August 13th when 68 were tracked within ten miles of the National Airport between eight and eleven thirty P.M., moving in widely varying speeds.

RADAR SPECIALISTS J. M. Copeland (left) and James Ritchey man the radar-scope at Washington, D. C.'s National Airport on which they saw unidentified flying objects.

All of which merely adds up to newly admitted evidence that the capital of the United States has had visitors of some sort, from somewhere.

That CAA report covers only three months in 1952. How many UFO's have been charted around the nation's capital since then? The record does not show—because the record is not available to the public. Isn't that applying an unusual amount of secrecy to a "temperature inversion?"

Are these things real?

Air Force Chief of Staff General Nathan Twining said at Amarillo, Texas, on May 15th of this year: "The best brains in the Air Force are working on the problem of the unidentified flying objects, trying to solve this riddle."

In Berlin, during the first week of June, work was suddenly resumed on a new radar installation designed especially to be used in studying UFO's. The radar there was started in January but work had been discontinued in February.

The June 27th Hamburg *Abendblatt* says that the American officer in charge of the new radar unit at Templehof Airport refused to answer questions about the reversal of policy. Perhaps we can find part of the reason in the records kept by Rudolph Hermes, who works at the radar control tower now in use. Since May of 1945, he has logged more than 300 sightings of UFO's over Berlin. During six weeks this summer, scores of Berlin citizens reported such objects. And it was immediately following a particularly widespread sighting that the West German government decided to set up the Space Flight Study Group.

Dr. Herman Oberth, famed German rocket authority and a designer of the V-2, told newsmen recently: "There is no doubt in my mind that these flying saucers are interplanetary craft of some sort. I am confident that they do not originate in our solar system but they may use Mars or some other body for a way station." Other experts agree with him.

Men from Another Planet?

From a group of top U.S. scientists engaged on a high priority project I received a voluntary communication on October 17, 1953. Here is the portion of their letter which I haye permission to quote: "[We are] a group of scientists which has followed closely all related facts in the case of the 'flying saucers' since their inception in 1947. . . . Our research in this matter leads us to believe that these so-called flying discs are observation craft of a very advanced race from another planet. . . ."

At that particular time I was preparing to go on a network television broadcast with famed German scientific writer Willy Ley and Major Donald Keyhoe, author of a best seller on UFO's. Since the purpose of the TV show was to discuss Keyhoe's book pro and con, I wired the writers of that letter and asked permission to quote from it.

On October 15th they replied as follows: "Thank you for your interest in our project. We have discussed your request to use an excerpt from our first letter on your TV program and we have no objection to this. . . . However, we again wish to stress the fact that under NO circumstances should any mention be made of

or connection with ——. We must upon this since, as you no doubt e, we can not risk possible ridicule ır present position. But ridicule may ıe least which could happen. Coinci- with what has already been sug- d, the government could take a seri- view of your broadcast, challenging ıuthority of your statements and pos- demanding the disclosure of the ce of your information. . . . Briefly, are not *yet* in a position to present futable physical evidence in support ıur convictions. But a statistical anal- of the evidence which we have col- ed thus far proves—without doubt— t we are dealing with an extra-terres- influence. . . ."

With those letters in my possession and h the permission to quote from certain rtions, I was primed for the TV pro- ım.

Now witness the strange sequence ıich followed.

This was to be my first network televi- ın appearance. Since I had a tremen- ıus radio audience, the promoters of ıe TV show were eager for me to appear ı their TV spot. Naturally they wanted ı give it full circulation and full pub- city, so on their program the week pre- eding my scheduled appearance, they ıade full mention of the fact that Major Keyhoe, Willy Ley and I would be seen ınd heard the following week over the ame television network.

It didn't happen.

Keyhoe, Ley and myself appeared on a TV network of exactly one station! The other TV stations which had carried the same program the week before were deluged with calls from irate members of the audience. One station claimed the program had been cancelled. Another claimed that it had a previous commitment to present a 1932 cowboy film which was unsponsored—and so it went.

The muzzle was on . . . and silence cloaked the telecast which dealt with UFO's.

(The DuMont Television Network, which carried the show, "Author Meets the Critics," told REAL that the program is a sponsor-less show; thus the number of stations which carry it vary from week to week, depending on whether a station can find a program with a paying sponsor—Edit.)

Baffling and frustrating as our experience may have been to us and the audience, it was nothing compared to what happened to a group of scientists.

They had heard about the remarkable 16mm color motion pictures taken near Trementon, Utah, on July 2, 1952, by Navy Warrant Officer Delbert C. Newhouse. Driving along Highway 30, near Tremonton, he suddenly noticed a group of flat, circular, shiny objects maneuvering in formation at high speed. Newhouse jumped out of his car and using the telephoto lens on his Bell and Howell Moviemaster, got 40 feet of film of the things before they were out of sight. He turned his pictures over to the Air Force where a photo reconnaissance laboratory studied them for months.

The official determination was that the objects were of an unknown type, traveling at speeds between 653 and 980 mph in a manner beyond the capabilities of any known aircraft or missile.

The scientists in this interested group made their first request for the Utah film in the latter part of last year. Instead of the film, the Air Force sent them a mimeographed sheet containing the hackneyed material about balloons, temperature inversions and hallucinations.

The scientists went right back with another request for the Utah film. This time they received a reply to the effect that no such film was known to the Air Force. After a lapse of several weeks, they received another letter assuring them that such a film did exist after all, but that it had been returned to its owner.

A request to the owner brought out that his original had not been returned in spite of requests to the Air Force.

Scientists got the same run-around that the Cleveland *Press* got when it received permission to view the film . . . only to be told that it had been ruined, etc. The fact is that twenty copies were made, but that was not mentioned in the brushoff to the newspaper or scientists.

Latest important figure to add his voice to those who feel that these unidentified flying objects are real and must be dealt with is Lord Dowding, famed Air Chief Marshal and head of the British Fighter Command during World War Two. He recently told newsmen: "Of course flying saucers are real. If they were not, we certainly would not be exercising the degree of vigilance now in force. We would not be sending jet fighters up to pursue them if they were not there. What they are, where they come from and what they want are matters for conjecture."

Do we really have spies from outer space?

The evidence shows that something—or somebody—is certainly up there. The UFO's have been seen over every country on earth in the past seven years.

A Suspicious Pattern

In recent years, since jets began to pursue them, they are sighted most frequently at night. For instance, the 100 sightings confirmed over the city of Wilmington were almost entirely at night. Whatever they are, they seem to express curiosity rather than hostility. Only a mere handful of UFO's have been reported behaving in a fashion which could be interpreted as belligerent.

If we analyze the nature, the frequence and the timing of the recorded sightings by credible observers, as the authorities of twelve nations are doing, we begin to see a familiar pattern emerging. We see a pattern of performance that is remarkably similar to what we would do if we were able to visit another planet and found it inhabited—keep our distance, look it over carefully, locate the most important cities, military and industrial developments. And if pursued, make the approaches at night when the pursuit would be at a disadvantage.

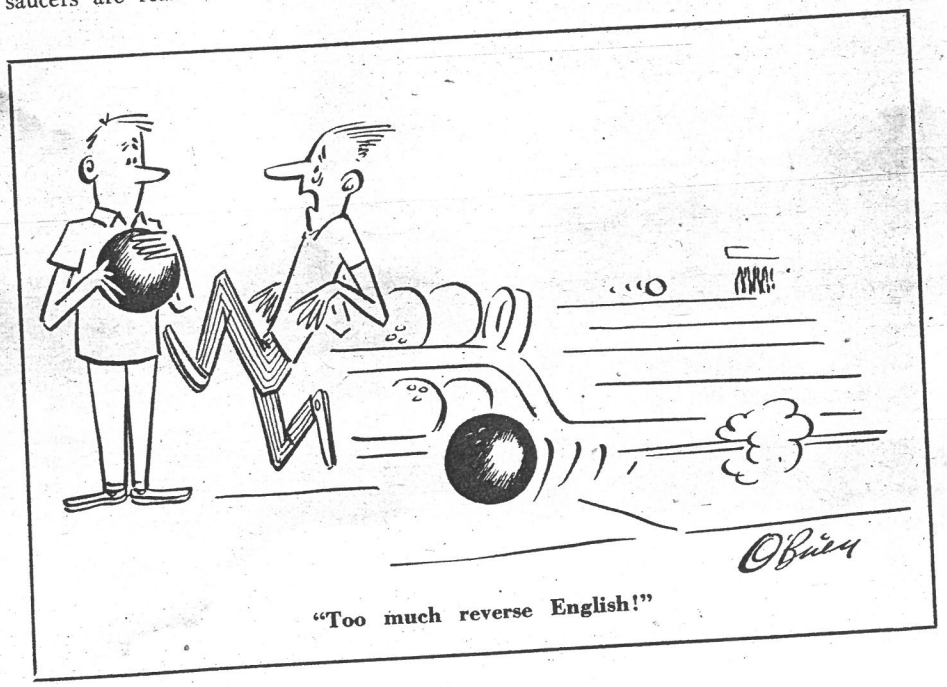
That's what our scientists predict for our own space travelers.

Has someone actually beaten us to the punch?

Are the Unidentified Flying Objects really spies from space?

The veil of Pentagon silence provides no answer.

You can only wait. **END**



"Too much reverse English!"

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Aviation news

He 'explains' flying disc mystery

By DON DWIGGINS
(Daily News Aviation Writer)

John Moore of Hollywood has an "explanation" of the flying saucer mystery.

He called to show us a clipping from a London newspaper dated May 11, 1950, purporting to tell all about the mystery discs.

The clipping told of scheduled departure from Portsmouth of the British destroyer Broadsword for "a series of special gunnery trials with the U. S. Navy." The targets, it said, will be flying saucers.

"So far," it continued, "American gunners have not succeeded in hitting the saucers, which are designed and built as targets for America's newest anti-rocket weapons.

"Flying saucers are launched from 45-degree ramps, where they reach a momentum over 500 mph before automatically taking off. In flight they reach a height of 40,000 feet and a speed of more than 1000 mph.

"Broadsword's first port of call will be Norfolk, Va., but target practice will probably take place near the Californian islands of St. Nicholas and Santa Rosa, where flying saucer experiments are carried out."

Swell, but—

Capt. E. W. Parich Jr., skipper of the Naval Air Missile Test center at Pt. Mugu, which has jurisdiction over that target area, says emphatically: "No British vessel is or has been working in this target area, and we have no such targets as described."

Maybe it's just fine old British humor, or a fishing expedition, but we thought Frank Scully should know about it.

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Incidentally, any strange objects flying around Los Angeles or San Francisco are subject to in-flight fighter identification and may get shot down.

Effective Sunday, two new air defense areas around both cities will be activated by the USA—can Air Force, crew members who flew here with Mexican Cabinet Member Ing. Oribe de Alba.

They were Maj. Luis Flores Diaz, Capt. Francisco Oviedo and Capt. Francisco Viveros.

Courrielche needled us gently for calling Reforma the "Manana Airline," incidentally.

We recently wrote that the Mexican pilots of Reforma sometimes sweat out storms on the ground, like good ducks, instead of tempting fate.

It seems a point of honor is involved, so we hasten to explain that the veteran pilots, good guys all, are as fine gauge guys as any in the world. They sit out weather only when the meteorologist tells them to. Otherwise they're busy keeping Reforma on schedule.

Apologies, Carlos — we only meant we like the judgment of Reforma's fly boys.

Next week, Reforma puts on a new flight leaving Tijuana at 12:30 a. m. for Mexico City, connecting at Caliacan at 7:45 a. m. with another inland plane to Mexico City via Durango, Zacatecas, Aguascalientes, Leon and Irapuato.

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EDITOR'S NOTE—*The U. S. Air F vestigating reports of flying saucers, despi ment that its efforts to hunt down the my bjects were abandoned. What it has found in track.. n thousands of tips, rumors and eyewitness accou.ts makes a fascinating modern-age detective story.*

To find the true story of the flying saucers amid the welter of fanciful and honest reports, including a supposed visitation of little men from Venus, Bob Considine went first to the men who know the story best—the air force operators of "project saucer." This is the first of four articles.

By BOB CONSIDINE

International News Service Staff Correspondent

"I've seen a lot of flying saucers," calmly remarked Col. Harold E. Watson, the air force's foremost authority on the controversial subject.

"Plenty of them," the intelligence chief of Wright Field's air materiel command went on, with the weariness of a man who has told a story too often.

"And I've chased after them in the air force's fastest propeller-driven plane, the F-51. Caught them, too.

"And every single saucer turned out to be either the sun shining off the wing or body of a distant DC-4, or a jet, or a weath balloon, or it was a reflection off a water tank, or something else that is readily explainable."

"I don't know what it takes to convince the public," he continued, not without a note of despair. **"But there are no such things as flying saucers. They don't exist. They just don't exist!"**

We asked him how he accounted for the increasing number

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